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Cal Poly University Police Arrest One in Shoulder-Tap Operation with State Alcohol Beverage Control

Program Targets Adults Who Buy Alcohol for People Younger Than 21

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly University Police cited and released one suspect on charges of furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor during a March 15 shoulder-tap operation.

University Police participated with the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control in a statewide Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation, which targets adults who purchase alcohol for people younger than 21. The operation took place at several liquor establishments within close proximity of the Cal Poly campus.

In the program, a decoy who is younger than 21, under the direct supervision of a peace officer, will stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask patrons to buy alcohol for them. The minor indicates in some way that he or she is not yet 21 and cannot purchase the alcohol.

If the adults agree to purchase alcohol for the decoy, officers then arrest and cite the adult on charges of furnishing alcohol to a minor. The penalty for that crime is a minimum \$1,000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

The shoulder-tap program is intended to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors.

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